



President's State of the Neighborhood

The pool closed on schedule capping off another good season. I hope all enjoyed this truly unique amenity in Arapahoe Ridge.

I want to thank the pool committee, Tani Owens and Nancy Welch who led the pool efforts as community volunteers again this year.

Our annual *HOA Members Meeting*, 2003 budget review and election for two board seats will likely be held in the Erie High School Auditorium the last week in October. Look for a separate mailing with all details soon.

If you are interested in filling a board position call John Reedy at Management and Maintenance (303.755.2732 x215) to add your name to the ballot. It would be great to have a representative from Northlight.

I want to thank the ~300 of you who attended the perimeter fence meeting at Erie High School. All feedback indicates is was very productive. We appreciated the time to share information and to understand your concerns.

The meeting presentation can be found at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~arhoa/docs/fence/fence.html>

or call John Reedy at Management and Maintenance (303.755.2732 x215) who will mail it to you.

A special thanks to Adam Goodman for facilitating. Adam is an excellent example of an AR volunteer who took his valuable time to help us all.

The Fence Committee and Board are addressing the questions from the flip charts. Once this is done the FAQ will be updated and distributed.

There is still much work to be done to resolve fence issues. I want to ensure you that no decision will be made until the community is surveyed on specific alternatives.

I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events.

Andrew Moore



Halloween Carnival

<http://home.earthlink.net/~arhoa/docs/halloween.html>

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Halloween Carnival in Arapahoe Ridge! This year's party is on Saturday, Oct 26th. It will run from 12pm to 2pm, and will include food, crafts, games, and a costume parade.

The focus of the party is the younger children, but all ages are welcome. In the past, the older kids have been an important part of the party's success by helping to run the crafts and games.

It's not too early to sign up! If you would like to help by donating undecorated cookies or a ready-to-enjoy treat, these are also a big part of the event.

Our community photographer, Jim Barbour, has another engagement that day, and is sorry to miss this year's party. If any resident is a budding photographer (or better) and can help take individual pictures, Jim would be glad to give you some pointers.

Depending on the weather, we may be able to be outdoors for the majority of the festivities, however, we always plan for an entire indoor gathering.

To donate time, goodies, or if you have questions, please email or call us: Janice Moore, 303-604-0510, janicesmoore@earthlink.net or Sarah Acker, 303-926-4062, sarahacker@aol.com

Landscape Update

<http://home.earthlink.net/~arhoa/landscape.html>

The Landscape Committee meets the 4th Monday of the month in the clubhouse from 7:30pm. We invite you to come to the next scheduled meeting.

The committee has been busy working on finalizing the trailhead plans including getting approval from the Town of Erie. We have also begun work with the same design firm on a landscape plan for 111th street. We are hopeful the new plan will address concerns expressed by the you, the community.

Erie Bans Outdoor Watering

From Oct. 1 to May 1, outside lawn watering is not permitted. Hand-watering of trees and shrubs will be allowed one day a week for two hours per home. People with home addresses ending in odd numbers can hand water on Tuesday and even addresses on Thursday — but only between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Seed Exchange

The Landscape Committee is considering an informal seed exchange this fall to try our hands at sharing seeds from plants we like and grow well. For information on seed harvesting and storage look at <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/seedsave/>.

Gardening Tips

Following are garden tips and resources. Some of the things we normally do in the fall are **not** recommended during this time of drought. Please take some time to check out these resources:

"Lifesaving tips for your lawn": <http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,14,13,36%257E45%257E816600%257E,00.html>.

"Brown Lawn? Don't aerate this fall" and other useful articles: <http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,14,13,36%257E185%257E,00.html>.

General gardening information: <http://www.gardenweb.com>

Fall/Winter Tips

Denver Post's Marcia Tatro says, "One of the most important things we can do this winter is mulch, and when you think you have enough mulch, add some more. Autumn brings us plenty of mulch, conveniently bagged and sitting at curbsides all across the metro area - free for the taking. Dump the leaves on top of flowerbeds and under shrubs and trees to a depth of 6-8 inches. If you can't get enough leaves use hay, straw, or shredded tree trimmings or pine needles."

Fall Cleanup

Take time to clean up flowerbeds and vegetable gardens. Leave ornamental grasses and other winter texture plants in place. This will add interest to the winter garden. Mow turf with catcher to collect fallen leaves, you may use them as mulch or work them into your compost pile.

September

Perennials/Annuals: Dig gladiolas, dahlias and tuberous begonias, store in a cool dry place until next spring. Move perennials as temperatures begin to cool. Plant spring-blooming bulbs as soon as they are available. This allows root growth before the cold of winter and will give longer life to the bulbs. Ease up on watering, plants need time to harden off before cold sets in.



Vegetables: Continue to harvest tomatoes, peppers and eggplants. Sow last seeds of spinach and lettuce. They will sprout in the fall and go dormant with the cold weather. Next spring they will be your first crop to harvest. If an early frost is predicted, cover tender crops with boxes or blankets.

October

Vegetables: Store pumpkins and winter squash away from heavy frosts in a cool, dry place. If left in the "pumpkin patch" they may become mushy before Halloween. Leave the stems on. Incorporate amendments such as compost when spading over the vegetable garden.

November

Trees/Shrubs: Trees with thin bark or newly transplanted within the last three years should have tree wrap applied before the 15th of the month. If the weather has been dry, give trees, shrubs and perennials a good drink of water. Remove stakes that have been on a tree for a year or more.

December

Winter watering: If the weather has been dry and it has been more than three weeks since a heavy snow or rain, it is time to water. All trees, shrubs, turf and perennials need a good soaking. Winter water early in the day to prevent freeze damage.

Town Concerns

Unauthorized use of Open Space areas adjacent to developments and trails

The Town has expressed concern about the following activities which are prohibited, create maintenance problems, can endanger public health and safety:

- Homeowners access their back yards by crossing Open Space areas. This results in damage to grass, seeded areas and trails, or pedestrian accidents with unauthorized vehicles. Most are doing landscape or construction projects. We also have problems with kids riding ATV type vehicles on Open Space areas.
- Homeowners dump debris over their fences on Open Space areas. They dump items such as grass clippings, dog droppings, branches, weeds, waste oil, paint and chemicals, concrete chunks, rocks and other debris. There are also contractors dumping construction and landscape debris on Open Space.
- Trees, shrubs, gardens have been planted by homeowners behind their homes on Open Space.

Treasurers Report

Year-To-Date information from January 1, 2002 through July 31, 2002:

As of July 31, 2002

Income:

Dues	184,677.49
Interest	3,166.84
Late Fees	1,440.00
Working Capital	568.00
Other Income	365.00
<u>Clubhouse Income</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>191,567.33</u>

Expenses:

Office Supplies	5,233.75
Management	13,492.00
Insurance	4,643.00
Legal/Audit	3,817.29
Taxes	3,276.13
Clubhouse	4,154.92
Community Events	696.17
Lights	1,503.25
Sprinklers	1,857.57
Grounds Other	792.00
Grounds Maintenance	10,796.06
Pool	43,689.85
Trash Removal	24,847.75
Utilities	3,535.31
Water	462.83
Miscellaneous	160.85
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>122,958.73</u>

Operating Income:

Income – Expenses	68,608.60
Replacement Reserve	(26,387.67)
<u>Net Operating Income</u>	<u>42,220.93</u>

Changes In Cash:

Beginning Cash Balance	437,809.20
<u>Net Change In Cash</u>	<u>15,848.93</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>453,658.13</u>

Cash On Hand:

Replacement Reserve	235,842.51
Operating Fund	99,922.12
<u>Working Capital</u>	<u>117,893.50</u>
<u>Total Cash</u>	<u>453,658.13</u>

Breakdown By Bank Account:

NOW Account	152,340.27
Front Range	102,955.49
World CD – I	51,572.90
World CD – II	51,680.31
<u>Wells Fargo</u>	<u>95,109.16</u>
Total in Bank Accounts	<u>453,658.13</u>

Neighborhood Watch Openings

1874-1846 MacCullen Dr
 1851-2935 Morris Ct
 2846-2954 Hughs Dr
 2863-2815 Hughs Dr
 1831-1729- MacCullen Dr
 2611-2624 Payne Ct
 1694-1743 Walker St
 1644-1687 Walker St
 2693-2618 Hughs Dr
 1748-1803 Holeman Dr
 1716-1737 Holeman Dr
 1621-1628 Holeman Dr
 2615-2584 Betts Cir
 2553-2585 Betts Cir
 3224-3182 Billington Dr
 3227-3195 Billington Dr
 3241-3273 & 3288-3266 Billington Dr
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